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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A processing device for the processing of an information signal, the device having a housing and having,

first communication means disposed within the housing for receiving and/or transmitting the information signal, and having

processing means for the processing of the information signal received and/or transmitted, and having

second communication means disposed within the housing for the contactless retrieval of control information stored in a data carrier which is detachably connected to the housing of the processing device,

in which the processing of the information signal by the processing means can be influenced with the aid of the retrieved control information.

2. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the detachable connection of the data carrier to the housing of the processing device is formed by an adhesive joint.

3. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the second communication means are adapted to generate a high frequency signal which can be utilized by the detachably connected data carrier to generate an internal supply voltage and to communicate with the control information.

4. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the

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housing of the processing device has a recess, in which recess the data carrier can be connected detachably to the housing.

5. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the processing device takes the form of a mobile telephone whose first communication means are adapted to receive and to transmit a telephone signal and whose processing means are adapted to process the telephone signal received and to be transmitted, and in which the control information received from the detachably connected data carrier by the second communication means identifies a telephone number of the user of the mobile telephone and/or includes calling credit information.

6. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 4, in which the first communication means are adapted to operate in accordance with the GSM standard and/or the UMTS standard.

7. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 1, in which the processing device is a reproducing device for the reproduction of an encrypted information signal, whose first communication means are adapted to receive the encrypted information signal and whose processing means are adapted to decrypt the received encrypted information signal, and in which the control information retrieved from the detachably connected data carrier by the second communication means includes key information for decrypting the received encrypted information signal.

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8. (Previously Presented) A processing device as claimed in claim 7, in which the first communication means can be connected to a data network in order to retrieve the encrypted information signal.
9. (Previously Presented) A data carrier embedded in an adhesive label which adhesive label can be connected detachably to a processing device, which data carrier includes third communication means for the communication with the second communication means of the processing device as claimed in claim 1, and memory means for storing control information which can be processed by the processing device as claimed in claim 1.
10. (Previously Presented) A data carrier as claimed in claim 9, in which the data carrier is adapted to provide contactless communication in accordance with the ISO14443 standard.
11. (Previously Presented) The processing device of Claim 1, wherein the data carrier is detachably connected by magnetic means.
12. (Previously Presented) The processing device of Claim 1, wherein the data carrier is embedded in an adhesive label.
13. (Currently Amended) The processing device of Claim 1, wherein the processing device is an MP3 player.

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14. (Previously Presented) The processing device of Claim 1, further including a second data carrier detachably connected to the housing of the processing device.

15. (Previously Presented) The processing device of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of data carriers are detachably connected to the processing device, and at least two of the data carriers are attached one upon the other.